

## Governor Moves North Carolina to Phase 3.0

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This week, Governor Roy Cooper issued Executive Order 169 moving North Carolina to Phase 3.0 COVID-19 restrictions. The new Order is effective Oct. 2, 2020 at 5 p.m. through 5 p.m. on Oct. 23, 2020.

#### Highlights of the new Order include:

- Large outdoor venues with seating greater than 10,000 may operate with 7% occupancy for spectators.
- Smaller outdoor entertainment venues, like arenas or amphitheaters, may operate outdoors at 30% of outdoor capacity, or 100 guests, whichever is less.
- Movie theaters and conference centers may open indoor spaces to 30% of capacity, or 100 guests, whichever is less.
- Bars may operate outdoors at 30% of outdoor capacity, or 100 guests, whichever is less.
- Amusement parks may open at 30% occupancy, outdoor attractions only.

#### What remains the same under Phase 3?

- The limits on mass gatherings will remain at 25 people indoors and 50 people outdoors.
- The 11 p.m. curfew on alcohol sales for in-person consumption in locations such as restaurants and outdoor bars remains.
- Indoor seating areas in bars remain closed.
- Indoor rides at amusement parks remain closed.
- Fitness and exercise facilities remain open, subject to reduced capacity limits and other requirements.
- Restaurants remain subject to capacity limits and other requirements for in-person dining.
- Personal care businesses such as hair salons, nail salons, barber shops and more remain subject to capacity limits and other requirements.
- Museums and aquariums remain open, subject to reduced capacity limits and other requirements.

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- Face coverings are still required in public when it is not possible to maintain social distancing from non-household members. In Phase 3, this requirement applies to any public place or business, indoor or outdoor.

FAQs for Phase 3.0 requirements may be accessed at [this link](#).

If you have questions, please contact Alex Elkan or Ed Turlington, linked below.

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